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On Behalf Of: myself and all Oregonians
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

I stand in strong opposition to this amendment.

1. It appears that legislatures are making this move in the 'cover of darkness' which makes it clear that they know this amendment would not be popular.
2. Oregon officials have not demonstrated to the taxpayers that they are capable of managing taxes that are already collected, this amendment would create an endless stream of taxes and give the citizens no mechanism to change or stop the feeding frenzy.
3. From your summary "Provides that the tax would not be subject to Article XI, section 11, of the Oregon Constitution (Ballot Measure 50) (1997), or Article XI, section 11b, of the Oregon Constitution (Ballot Measure 5) (1990)". This alone should make this dead on arrival. You cannot circumvent the people's vote. You cannot create a mechanism to raise taxes w/o cause.
4. Oregon property taxes have continued to go up year after year at a rate that is already very difficult for homeowners, between bond measures and other taxes that hit our property taxes, to have another targeting our property taxes would be destructive to the homeowner.

This proposed amendment came out of nowhere and cannot stand!

I oppose this amendment. It is deceptive, destructive and will not be approved by the Oregon voters.